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PRESIDENT'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

The President's Monthly Report to the Board of Trustees, Campus & Community

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2022-2023

01 | SBVC OFFERS NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



SBVC PARTNERSHIP WITH PACIFIC HIGH SCHOOL LEADS TO NEW CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

20,060 square
foot building
is a first for
California



The San Bernardino community gathered in front of the new Transportation & Advanced Technology Center at Pacific High School for its ribbon-cutting ceremony on February 9, 2023. The 20,060 square foot building is the first of its kind in California.

Since 2016, the SBVC Applied Technology, Transportation, and Culinary Arts Department has partnered with Pacific High School I to create guided pathways for high school students. SBVC Professor Berchman 'Kenny' Melancon and social studies teacher CJ Eastwood spearheaded the project.

"It started with 15 students that we actually bussed to San Bernardino Valley College," recalls Pacific High School principal Dr. Natalie Raymundo. Funding for the center came to fruition in 2018 and was a "long time in the making" with delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

SBVC offers dual enrollment and has articulation agreements that allow high school students to take courses during the day and receive college credit. With the new state-of-the-art facility, SBVC will bring some of its courses and instructors directly to the students. Students can receive certification as early as their high school graduation and enter high wage and high demand careers in the transportation industry.

"It gives them a fast-track to a career in the industry," said Dr. Vanessa Thomas, Dean of Applied Technology, Transportation, and Culinary Arts at SBVC. "These students can start earning a living wage, they can support their families financially and contribute to the local economy."

The Heavy/Medium Duty Truck program prepares students to repair commercial diesel vehicles, but as Dr. Raymundo stated in her remarks at the ceremony, "this building is of the present and future. It's already outfitted and ready to house future programs such as Commercial Electric Vehicles."

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was followed by an open house of the facility where students in the program were available for questions. The \$12.5 million facility features a prototyping lab, a transportation lab that can accommodate multiple vehicle types and other cutting-edge instructional resources.

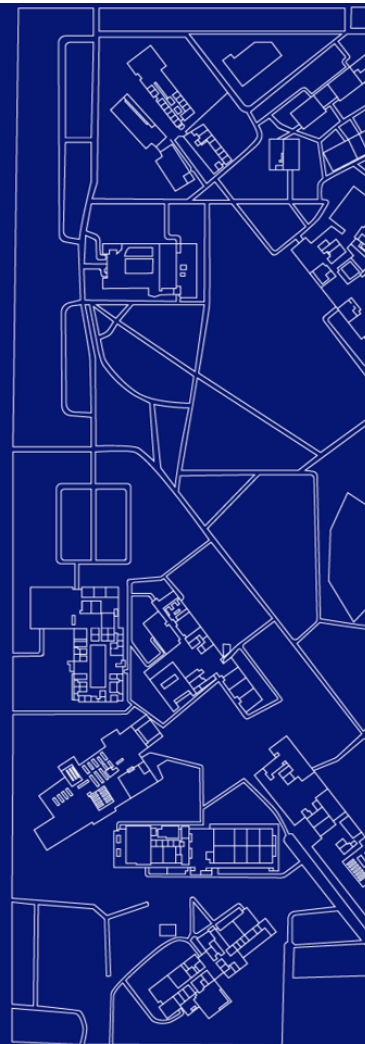
02 | SPRING SEMESTER ENROLLMENT





SPRING ENROLLMENT GROWS IN 2023

10,492 students enroll for Spring 2023



If San Bernardino Valley College seems to be bustling with more students lately, it's because we have surpassed last year's spring headcount. There are 10,492 students enrolled in classes at SBVC for Spring 2023. This exceeds the number of Wolverines enrolled in Spring 2021 (10,142) and Spring 2022 (8,988).

"We're thrilled to welcome so many new and returning students to San Bernardino Valley College," SBVC Interim President Dr. Linda Fontanilla said. "They know that at SBVC, they will receive a quality education from knowledgeable and established professors and instructors who put their students first."

SBVC is accessible to more people than ever, with 683 online course offerings available for spring. Nearly three-quarters of all SBVC students are enrolled in at least one online class, with some logging in from as far away as Iowa.

While 60 percent of students also took classes at SBVC during the Fall 2022 semester, more than 1,000 students are enrolled now for the first time. SBVC also continues to inspire people to strive for higher education, as 57 percent are first-generation students. The most common age for students is 19, and 73 percent are attending part-time.

"SBVC faculty and staff are here to help all students succeed," Fontanilla said. "Whether it's putting together an educational plan or answering questions about financial aid, there is someone on campus who can help. We're proud to have counselors, tutors, and special services, from the Veteran's Resource Center to the Valley 360 Resource Center, to provide assistance to every member of the SBVC community."

HIGHLIGHTS



SBVC COLLABORATES WITH METROLINK IN BACK-TO-SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

Blue the Wolverine and several of their mascot friends are the stars of Metrolink's back-to-school campaign. The commercial was filmed November 15 at Union Station in Los Angeles. "During the commercial shoot, Blue finally met some of the local mascots, including the mascot from our sister college, Ryker the Roadrunner," Aguilera said. "We're hoping all the local colleges and universities can collaborate again to remind students of this green-friendly resource." The feedback SBVC has received regarding the commercial has been "amazing," Aguilera added, and the college aims to work with Metrolink again around Earth Day to promote sustainability.

Metrolink Director of Communications Scott Johnson, a resident of San Bernardino, said the commuter rail system is "proud to be there for students, staff, and faculty of San Bernardino Valley College and the hundreds of other campuses our trains serve throughout Southern California. When we launched our fall back-to-school campaign, we wanted to find a fun and engaging way to collaborate with colleges and universities. Showcasing the school mascots doing what they do best and drumming up school spirit seemed like the perfect way to also promote riding the train to school."

College students, faculty, and staff can get free tickets and discounts when they sign up on the Metrolink app using their .edu emails. For more information, visit the Metrolink website at metrolinktrains.com.



SBVC THEATRE ARTS STUDENTS TAKE THE SHOW ON THE ROAD



SBVC's production of Little Shop of Horrors was scouted to attend the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) in Las Vegas from February 13-17.

"KCACTF provides students the opportunity to see the work of their peers, connect with peers and industry professionals, take workshops, and through auditions and interviews, be considered for professional training and employment opportunities," Fogle said. "KCACTF is highly regarded in the theater industry, and this is an honor and an opportunity for the students, the college, and the community."

Little Shop of Horrors was one of only seven productions in our region selected to perform at the festival. Along with this honor, students Ashley Eddy, Raymond Henley, Samuel Rodriguez, and Camryn Stevens have also been nominated for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship Auditions; stage manager Angel Del Rio received a nomination for stage management and invited to deliver a presentation in the Design, Technology, and Management Competition. SBVC Film, Television & Media students Marlene Clara, Samantha Morales, and Daniel Rodriguez joined the theater arts team to film a documentary on the experience.

"I am so incredibly proud of our students," Fogle said. "We had to reconfigure and rebuild our set to fit in a truck and onto the stage at our new venue in Vegas. They dedicated their time and energy to rebuild, rehearse, and prepare for the Festival. We are all so incredibly thankful to our Dean Leticia Hector, who has helped us make this dream opportunity a reality. We are also thankful to everyone from the community and college for all their support and generosity."



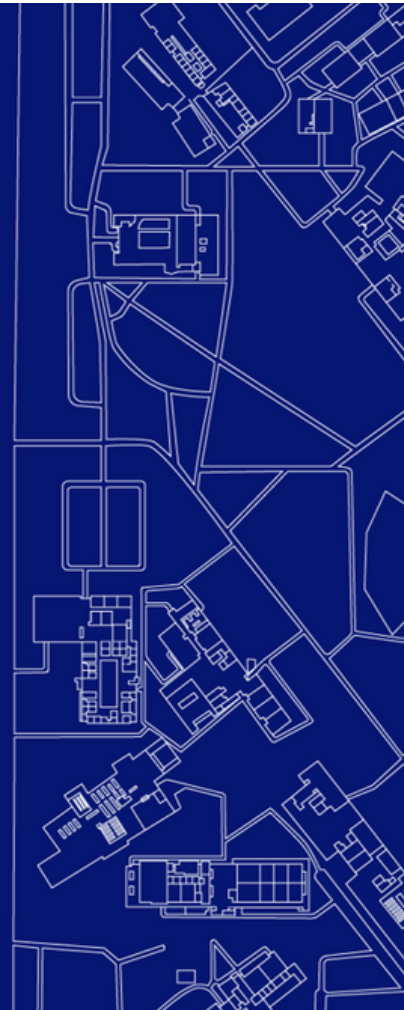
03 | NEW GRANTS FOR SBVC





SBVC FOUNDATION RECEIVES MORE LOCAL AND NATIONAL FUNDING FOR STUDENTS

Awarded over \$500K in new grants



The SBVC Foundation, now in its 50th year of operation, has recently raised more than \$500K in new grants to benefit SBVC students.

The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians donated \$300K to the SBVC Foundation to support its Valley-Bound Commitment Program, which covers the costs for local high school graduates who commit to attending the community college on a full-time basis. San Manuel has provided more than \$2 million in funding to support the program over the past 15 years.

"We are overwhelmed by the continued generosity of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians," SBVC Foundation Director Mike Layne said. "The long-term support from San Manuel is helping us increase our capacity to provide equitable access to higher education opportunities for everyone in our service area."

The Jay Pritzker Foundation granted \$150K in its third cycle of funding for the Finish Line Scholars Program, a program administrated by the Foundation for California Community Colleges. These funds will directly benefit SBVC students on their way to finishing certificates, degrees or transfer studies at SBVC during the 2023-24 academic year. The majority of funds from the Finish Line Scholars Program will support student scholarships, with a smaller portion providing emergency financial assistance to students facing financial hardship which may hinder their ability to finish their degree or certificate program. Edison International awarded the SBVC Foundation a total of \$75K, with \$25K towards STEM scholarships, and \$50K towards the Clean Energy/EV Tech Program. SoCalGas also awarded \$25K to the EV Tech Program.

For information on how to apply for a scholarship or emergency assistance, visit: www.sbvcfoundation.org.



SBVC OBSERVES BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH A DISTRICT-WIDE CELEBRATION OF CULTURE & COMMUNITY

For Black History Month 2023, SBVC teamed up with Crafton Hills and district office colleagues to host a special series of events throughout February.

The celebration kicked off with the Black History Month Opening Ceremony on February 1 at Crafton Hills, which also hosted "Unfold Stories of Black History in Redlands", a forum that encouraged participants to understand and share stories of local Black history and a virtual film screening of "How it Feels to Be Free" later in the month.

On February 18, SBVC kicked off its BHM series with Natural Hair Day, followed by a screening and discussion of the television show "The Hair Tails", a show that celebrates the unique ways Black and African American women express themselves through their hairstyles.

Black History Month celebrations concluded on February 28 with Breaking Bread: A Community Gathering, followed by a special fashion show.

On February 8, the district office held a virtual discussion of former First Lady Michelle Obama's latest book, "The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times," followed by a screening and discussion of "Chisholm: Unbought & Unbossed," the Peabody Award-winning documentary that follows Shirley Chisholm's 1972 presidential campaign. Chisholm was the first black woman elected to Congress and the first to seek nomination for the highest office in the land.

All events were open to the public and attended by students, employees and members of the local community. For more information on Black History Month 2023 at SBVC, visit www.valleycollege.edu/bhm.

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EVENTS

March 10

10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Financial Aid Dream Act Workshop

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March 22

2:00 PM-8:00 PM

Free Tax Preparation Service

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May 5

5:30 PM-8:00 PM

**Spotlighting Our Success
Awards Celebration**

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Student Spotlight | JESUS MORENO

Assistant football coach Bobby Hosea didn't realize that the red envelope that had been in his pocket was gone until he had driven home last Thursday night.

He checked around the house. He looked to see if it fell out in his car. The red envelope, which had been full of cash, was gone. It was likely lost somewhere on the San Bernardino Valley College campus. Most likely somewhere in the Kinesiology & Athletics Complex, where members of the football team had gathered earlier in the day.

But that Thursday, members of the SBVC track and field team were gathered in the large lecture hall located in Gym 141. Among the student-athletes there was SBVC student Jesus Moreno — a runner and friend of many of the student-athletes on the squad. And while not officially a member of the team at the time (he is considering joining the team), he spends his free time working out with the team before he has to go to work.

He found the red envelope. And without hesitation, he brought it to the attention of the athletic department's eligibility clerk, Maureen Ryan. She alerted the athletics staff and turned the envelope in to the campus police department.

So, by the time Hosea had realized his money was missing and contacted head coach Daniel Algattas to ask about the envelope, there was good news. His envelope was safe.

Hosea got his chance to thank Moreno on Tuesday this week. He expressed his gratitude to the young runner, while the athletics department presented Moreno with gift cards and team gear as a token of appreciation.

While Moreno was slightly embarrassed by the attention, he knew he had done the right thing.

"I just knew I had to turn it in," he said.



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